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ZANZIBAR FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO AFRICA

REF: (A) MONROVIA 741; (B) LONDON 1918

1. DESPITE OUR EFFORTS HERE TO FORESTALL ANY SORT OF ELABORATE WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR YOU DURING BRIEF MONROVIA STOPOVER, GOL BECOMES INCREASINGLY ENTHUSIASTIC AT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU. ROVING AMBASSADOR EMMETT HARMON, WHOM YOU MAY HAVE MET AND WHO IS ONE OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S PRINCIPAL ADVISORS PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO LIBERIA/US RELATIONS, HAS ADVISED ME THAT HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT AS THE PRINCIPAL "GOL COORDINATOR" FOR YOUR STOPOVER. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE A "WELCOMING COMMITTEE" INCLUDING SEVERAL OFFICIALS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND KEY LEGISLATORS. DESPITE MY EXPLANATION THAT YOU HAD DISCOURAGED PRESS CONFERENCES EVEN AT THE OFFICIAL STOPOVERS, HARMON INSISTED THAT HE IS PLANNING LOCAL TELEVISION AND RADIO COVERAGE AT THE AIRPORT AND HOPES THAT YOU MIGHT GIVE FIVE MINUTES TO MAKING A BRIEF STATEMENT TO THE PRESS AND THOSE ASSEMBLED.

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2. I HAD NOT MEANT TO BOTHER YOU WITH THIS INFORMATION UNTIL YOUR ARRIVAL IN LAGOS BUT IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOU MIGHT REROUTE THROUGH LONDON INSTEAD OF GOING DIRECTLY BACK FROM NIGERIA (REFTEL B) I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW THE ENTHUSIASM WITH WHICH THE GOL HAS GREETED EVEN A BRIEF STOP HERE BY YOU. THIS ENTHUSIASM WILL DOUBTLESS GROW WITH THE PRESS REPORTING OF YOUR

TRIP AND OF THE WELCOME YOU ARE RECEIVING. THE GOL WOULD BE GREATLY DISAPPOINTED IF YOUR SCHEDULE CHANGED. IF YOU DO SCRATCH MONROVIA I WOULD APPRECIATE AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE SO THAT I CAN INFORM THE GOL BEFORE IT BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.

3. AS FOR THE EMBASSY'S OWN PLANS, I WILL BE JOINED AT THE AIRPORT BY MY DCM AND THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER. THE LATTER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE PRESS TRAVELING WITH YOU AND WILL HAVE FOR THEIR USE INFORMATION PACKETS ON LIBERIA.
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